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**53A-1-1104 Schools included in grading system.**

- (1) Except as provided in Subsections (2) through (5), a school that has students who take statewide assessments shall receive a school grade.
- (2) A school may not receive a school grade, if the number of a school's students tested is less than the minimum sample size necessary, based on accepted professional practice for statistical reliability or the prevention of the unlawful release of personally identifiable student data under 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h.
- (3) The board shall exempt a school from school grading in the school's first year of operations if the school's local school board or charter school governing board requests the exemption.
- (4) The board shall exempt a high school from school grading or exempt a combination school from the school grading requirement described in Subsection 53A-1-1104.5(2) in the high school's or combination school's second year of operations if the school's local school board or charter school governing board requests the exemption.
- (5)
  - (a) The board may exempt a school from school grading if the school:
    - (i)
      - (A) is an alternative school; or
      - (B) is a special needs school, as defined by rules made by the board in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
    - (ii) requests the exemption with the approval of:
      - (A) the school's governing board; or
      - (B) for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, the school's advisory committee.
  - (b) If the board exempts a school under Subsection (5)(a), the board shall annually:
    - (i) evaluate the school in accordance with an accountability plan established by the board through rules made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
    - (ii) report the results on a school report card; and
    - (iii) electronically publish the school report card in the same manner and at the same time as other school report cards under Section 53A-1-1112.
  - (c) If a school is granted an exemption from school grading under Subsection (5)(a), the school shall:
    - (i) provide to a parent or guardian the school report card described in Subsection (5)(b)(ii); and
    - (ii) electronically publish the school report card in the same manner and at the same time as other school report cards under Section 53A-1-1112.

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